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FORESTRY, FIRE AND STATE LANDS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The citizen Advisory Council to the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will meet in regular session on Thursday, September 22, 2005. The council will hold a short formal meeting in the offices of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service in Kamas, Utah, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and then travel to several field locations to view forest health issues.

During the formal session the council will be briefed on the division's efforts to create a Comprehensive Management Plan for Utah Lake. The division administers state sovereign lands, which are beds of lakes and rivers that were navigable at the time statehood was granted. That includes the beds of Utah Lake, as well as Great Salt Lake, Bear Lake and portions of the Green, Bear, and Colorado rivers.

A Statement of Current Conditions and Trends on Utah Lake is now available for review. It consists of two documents and a series of maps that present summary information on sovereign land management, the lake and its resources. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, or it may be viewed online at www.ffsl.utah.gov.

The field tour will include a visit to the Trapper Hollow area and several sites along the Mirror Lake highway to study forest health issues, including insect damage and efforts to reduce fuels in forests. The tour is expected to leave Kamas approximately 10:30 a.m.

The meeting and tour are open to the public but anyone interested in participating must provide their own transportation and lunch. Additional details may be obtained by calling the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands at (801) 538-5555.

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